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## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Kentaro Kawakami et al.

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FOR: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR FORMING VESSEL BOD

AND THUS FORMED VESSEL BODY

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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